# **The Spanish Route**

The Spanish Route comprises the magnificent Salt Valley at Añana, in the Alava District of Northern Spain, which uses brine springs derived from rock salt deposits and by contrast the coastal salt making sites of Andalusia in SW Spain. The Friends of Inland Salinas are coordinating a route of many more inland salinas.

### Valle Salado De Añana Disputación Foral de Alava



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Guided tours describe the
cultural landscape of the Salt
Valley with over 2,000 years of
history. Visitors can see the
restoration work to the salt
making platforms and the

traditional production of the different types of salt. At the Saline Spa visitors may place their hands and feet in hyper-saline water from the springs to enjoy their therapeutic properties.

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# Asociación de Amigos de Salinas de Interior

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The Iberian Peninsula is home to over 500 inland salt flats,
most of which are no longer in use. They are a highly diverse
natural and cultural heritage but are largely unknown, fragile
and gradually disappearing. The Friends of Inland Salinas
are dedicated to studying these sites.



### Fundación Andanatura

T\_ (+34) 954 46 80 50 www.andanatura.org/ecosal Andalusia preserves a rich salt heritage where 100 year old sites survive with more modern installations in areas where man and hature co-exist in spectacular landscapes.

## **The French Route**

Four main sites promote the salt making history on the Atlantic coast of France. Running south from Guérande, these sites include popular ecomuseums with attractions for all the family.

#### Salines de Guérande



T\_ (+33) 02 40 23 82 79 www.cap-atlantique.fr/ tourisme-loisiris/musee Located between the Loire and the Vilaine, the Guérande salt flats cover 1,850 hectares.

For over 1,500 years, saltmakers have preserved this exceptional labyrinth of land and seawater that protects biodiversity. Rich in ethnographic collections, fine arts and decorative arts, the Salt Works Museum at Batz-sur-Mer enables visitors to discover the rich cultural heritage of Guérande salt.

#### Le Marais du Daviaud



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The Daviaud Ecomuseum presents, at an outdoor location, the cultural and natural wealth of the Brittany salt works of Vendue: fauna, flora, human history and territory. The Daviaud salt works produces 'fleur de sel' and cooking salt from June to September.



#### Marais Salants de l'île de Ré



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Since the Middle Ages, 1500 hectares of wetlands have been created on the northern part of Île de Ré on land regained from the sea.

The Salinas Ecomuseum provides the chance of discovering the Île de Ré Salt Flats. After visiting the exhibition, a guide will use a model to explain how the salt flats work and then accompany visitors to the site.

#### **Port des Salines**



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The Port des Salines Ecomuseum is a site that enhances the value of saltmaking in Oleron. Discover it during a family visit: with exhibitions for children and adults, guided tours to the salt works and a boat ride.

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